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FOR WILGIS FROM ANDREWS

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1. UPDATE ON TRADE AGREEMENT EFFORTS. BILL LUERS CALLED VANIK ON MAY 26 TO THANK HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE THIS PAST MONDAY. VANIK ASSURED LUERS THAT HE BELIEVES WE REALLY DO NOT HAVE MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT IN THE SENATE. ACCORDING TO VANIK, THE OPPOSITION IN THE HOUSE CAME FROM "KNOW-NOTHINGS" WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES. FURTHERMORE, THEIR COMPLAINTS CENTER AROUND SMALL ISSUES RATHER THAN ANYTHING REALLY SIGNIFICANT. DESPITE VANIK'S OPTIMISM, WE ARE CONTINUING IN OUR CAMPAIGN TO MUSTER SUPPORT.

2. LUERS CONTACTED RABBI SCHNEIER TODAY WHO PROMISED TO HELP OUT. HE BELIEVES THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITHIN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, BUT HE WILL TALK TO RIBICOFF AFTER HIS RE-
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TURN FROM EUROPE ON JUNE 5. IN ADDITION, GEORGE VEST WILL BE SEEING APPROXIMATELY 30 SENATORS ON ANOTHER ISSUE DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 5 AND HAS PROMISED US THAT HE WILL DO DOUBLE-DUTY BY DISCUSSING THE HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THEM AS WELL. HE ASSURED LUERS TODAY THAT, AFTER COMPLETING THOSE DISCUSSIONS, HE WOULD APPROVE AND ENCOURAGE AMBASSADOR KAISER TO RETURN HERE TO JOIN THE CAMPAIGN IF HE

(VEST) DECIDES IT ADVISABLE AND NECESSARY AT THAT POINT.

3. THE US CHAMBER SENT MAILGRAMS EARLIER THIS WEEK TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE US SECTION OF THE US-HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL CONCERNING THE HOUSE VOTE AND URGING THEM TO CONTACT THEIR SENATORS AND SUPPORT APPROVAL. ALSO, THE CHAMBER IS WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER AND LAJOS SCHMIDT TO DEVELOP THE FACTS ON ROCKWELL'S COMPLAINT ABOUT AXLES IN CASE THIS SHOULD BECOME AN ISSUE IN THE SENATE. WE ARE WORKING WITH THEM ON THIS. IN ADDITION, CARL, PAUL STAHNKE, AND EB HAVE BEEN CONTACTING SENATE STAFF MEMBERS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO NEXT WEEK.

4. GEORGE BOUTIN LEARNED FROM HIS CONTACT ON THE EDITORIAL STAFF THAT ON MONDAY MAY 29, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES WILL CARRY AN EDITORIAL ADVOCATING SENATE APPROVAL OF THE HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT. THE EDITORIAL WILL DISCUSS HUNGARY'S IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, INCLUDING ITS LIBERAL EMIGRATION PRACTICE, AS WELL AS THE TRADE BENEFITS TO BE EXPECTED. THE EDITORIAL WRITER GOT CONFIRMATION FROM SENATOR JACKSON'S OFFICE THAT JACKSON WILL SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT AND INTENDS TO SAY SO IN THE EDITORIAL.

5. YOUR FURTHER THOUGHTS AND TALKING POINTS (BUDAPEST 2155) ARE HELPFUL. WE'LL BE COMMENTING AND ACTING FUTHER ON
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